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In the Claims:

1. (canceled)
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4. (allowed) A card connector comprising:

a card receiving slot for receiving a card; and

a push/push type ejecting mechanism for ejecting the card provided in the vicinity of the card receiving slot; the ejecting mechanism having a knob; and a stopper member rotatably mounted on the knob and configured to assume a first position, recessed from the card receiving slot, when the knob is in a depressed position, and a second position, protruding into the card receiving slot to prevent insertion of the card, when the knob is in a protruded position, wherein the stopper member is constantly urged to protrude into the card receiving slot by a biasing member.

5. (allowed) A connector as defined in claim 4, wherein the biasing member is a spring.

6. (currently amended) A connector as defined in claim 5, wherein said spring is affixed at one end to the stopper member and at another end to ~~a card guide~~ the ejecting mechanism.

7. (allowed) A connector as defined in claim 5 wherein, the card receiving slot is defined by a pair of card guides and, in the first position, the stopper member is aligned with the knob, against an urging force of the spring by one of the card guides.

8. (allowed) A card connector as defined in claim 4, wherein the knob is provided with a slot that extends in a direction of insertion/ejection of the card; and

in the first position, the stopper member is positioned within the slot.